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SCHEDULING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ITS PROCESS CONTROL METHOD

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/225,309, filed on January 5, 1999, entitled SCHEDULING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ITS PROCESS CONTROL METHOD, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee							\$	710.00
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	80	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$	710.00

3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 4, 5 and 8 before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/225,309, filed January 5, 1999.---

7. New drawings are enclosed, sixteen (16) sheets, Figs. 1-21.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

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10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-001323, filed January 7, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in prior application no. 09/225,309.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/225,309, as originally filed on January 5, 1999.

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